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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND EXPORTS OF KIWIFRUIT TO USA
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1. IN RECENT DAYS, REPORTS HAVE CIRCULATED HERE, BOTH WITHIN THE GNZ AND IN THE PRESS, SUGGESTING THAT NEW ZEALAND'S EXPORTS OF KIWIFRUIT (CHINESE GOOSEBERRIES) TO THE USA ARE THREATENED BY US STANDARDS ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES. APPARENTLY, FDA RECENTLY FOUND FIVE SHIPMENTS OF KIWIFRUIT TO HAVE RESIDUES OF THE CHEMICAL PHOSMET. REPORTS CIRCULATING HERE INDICATE THAT AN ACCEPTABLE RESIDUE LEVEL FOR PHOSMET HAS NOT BEEN SET FOR KIWIFRUIT AND THAT A "ZERO TOLERANCE" IS CURRENTLY BEING APPLIED EVEN THOUGH PHOSMET IS PERMITTED ON OTHER FRUIT.

2. IT IS ALSO BEING STATED HERE THAT THE RESIDUE LEVEL ON THESE FIVE SHIPMENTS WAS, IN FACT, LOWER THAN THAT
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PERMITTED ON APPLES. WHILE APPLES ARE GENERALLY EATEN WITH THE SKIN INTACT, KIWIFRUIT ARE A RARITY AND THE SKIN IS PEELED AWAY PRIOR TO EATING.

3. IF THESE REPORTS ARE TRUE, THE US RISKS IN THE CASE OF KIWIFRUIT BEING ACCUSED OF USING RESIDUE STANDARDS AS AN NTB. THIS COULD BE EMBARRASSING AS THE MTN

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NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE IN GENEVA AND BILATERALLY. SUCH A POSSIBILITY WOULD BE BAD ENOUGH, BUT I AM ALSO CONCERNED, IN VIEW OF RECENT STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT CARTER, VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, AND OTHERS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE USG BELIEVES THAT NEW ZEALAND'S ECONOMY SHOULD BE AS STRONG AND HEALTHY AS POSSIBLE, THAT WE NOT BE SEEN NOW TO BE SETTING UP UNNECESSARY BARRIERS TO NEW ZEALAND'S EXPORTS. LAST YEAR, THIS COUNTRY SOLD DOLS TWO MILLION WORTH OF KIWIFRUIT TO THE USA (20 OF ALL KIWIFRUIT EXPORT RECEIPTS) AND THE LOSS OF THAT MARKET WOULD BE A SEVERE BLOW TO THE INDUSTRY.

4. I VIEW THIS ISSUE AS A POTENTIAL IRRITANT IN OUR OTHERWISE WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THIS SOUTH PACIFIC ALLY. I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING MY VIEWS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE APPROPRIATE USG AGENCIES AND WOULD WELCOME A REPORT BY CABLE ON THE PROBLEM AND POSSIBLE AVENUES FOR ITS RESOLUTION. SELDEN

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